

# RICHARDS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## CC Docket No. 02-6 Request for Review

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on the behalf of the Richards Independent School District. I am the librarian of an extremely small school district, our total student population for grades K-12 is only 156 students. Our school district is in a very rural area with a great deal of poverty and the monies provided by the E-rate program are so very important to us. These monies have enabled us to spend more money on technology for our students.

Last year was my first year to act as librarian in our district. Last year was also the first year for me to complete the E-rate filing process. Because we are such a small district, my additional job responsibilities beyond the librarian position include, technology coordinator, PEIMS coordinator, Winschool administrator (student records, attendance, and report cards), and I am in charge of E-rate filings. With such a tremendous amount of responsibility, all of which were completely new to me, I made a human error on my 470 document. It greatly saddens me that our students may suffer because of my honest mistake.

When I filed my 470 document for the funding year 05/06 I accidentally chose the 04/05 funding year on the drop down choice. This was a data entry error. I tried to clarify this in a response to the USAC requesting my establishing 470 document. In filing my 470 and 471 for the funding year 06/07, after also learning from my prior experiences, I was sure to select the correct funding year. However, I did note that for the 06/07 filing window for the 470's and 471's you had no choice but to select the correct funding year. I wonder if that is because other schools and libraries made the same mistake. I wish that for the 05/06 funding year there had been only one choice, then this simple error would not have occurred.

Applications 470 ~ 522880000531241 is for the 05/06 funding year and is the supporting document for 471 applications 466139 & 466553.

Please review the following appeals and take into consideration the true need of district's students.

Sincerely,



Amy Findley

Librarian

Richards Independent School District

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Letter of Appeal  
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Box 125 – Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

First Appeal to USAC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as my formal letter of appeal for Form 471 Application Number: 466139.

**Billed Entity Number:** 141425

**Appellant Name:** Amy Findley

**Appealing the following:**

FRN: 1282458 ~ SPIN 143001192

FRN: 1282505 ~ SPIN 143019614

FRN: 1282535 ~ SPIN 143019614

FRN: 1282560 ~ SPIN 143019614

FRN: 1282597 ~ SPIN 143025240

**Decision we wish to appeal:**

Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 – 470 Not Filed

Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references services that require a posting of a 470 for each Fund Year.

**Appeal: Human Error on 470 Application #522880000531241**

This was my first year to submit E-rate to the SLD. I had originally completed my 470 on the adobe acrobat reader form. When I created this form I had correctly entered the 2005-2006 funding year. I had that document proof read and was told I was ready to proceed with creating the document online. Apparently, I had accidentally chosen the 2004-2005 funding year through data entry error. I am enclosing supporting documentation. In an effort to be sure all my filing dates were correct I kept copies of mail receipts. I also hope that this mistake is evident because our school had already filed a form 470 for the 2004-2005 funding year and its supporting 471s were funded. Please let me know if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

*Amy Findley*  
Amy Findley

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Authorized by:

*Martey Ainsworth*  
Martey Ainsworth  
Superintendent

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## Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

### FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER (Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006)

November 9, 2005

Amy Findley  
RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
9477 PANTHER DRIVE  
RICHARDS, TX 77873

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 466139  
Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006  
Billed Entity Number: 141425  
Billed Entity FCC RN:  
Applicant's Form Identifier: 471-05/06

Thank you for your Funding Year 2005 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$4,613.49 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

#### NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice the SLD using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

#### FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed report includes a list of the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) after you file your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report.

#### TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BEN: 141425  
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 466139  
Funding Request Number: 1282458  
Funding Status: Not Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 522880000  
SPIN: 143001192  
Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp.  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 0304536365004  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,506.84  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$1,506.84  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 470 Not Filed  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references services that require a posting of a 470 for each Funding Year.

FCDL Date: 11/09/2005  
Wave Number: 020

Funding Request Number: 1282505  
Funding Status: Not Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 522880000  
SPIN: 143019614  
Service Provider Name: Sprint - Local Telephone Division  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 9368512210048  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$605.28  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$605.28  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 470 Not Filed  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references services that require a posting of a 470 for each Funding Year.

FCDL Date: 11/09/2005  
Wave Number: 020

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BEN: 141425  
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 466139  
Funding Request Number: 1282535  
Funding Status: Not Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 522880000  
SPIN: 143019614  
Service Provider Name: Sprint - Local Telephone Division  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 9368512364131  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$2,976.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,976.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 470 Not Filed  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references services that require a posting of a 470 for each Funding Year.

FCDL Date: 11/09/2005  
Wave Number: 020

Funding Request Number: 1282560  
Funding Status: Not Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 522880000  
SPIN: 143019614  
Service Provider Name: Sprint - Local Telephone Division  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 9368512307499  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$685.80  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$685.80  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 470 Not Filed  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references services that require a posting of a 470 for each Funding Year.

FCDL Date: 11/09/2005  
Wave Number: 020

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BEN: 141425  
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 466139  
Funding Request Number: 1282597  
Funding Status: Not Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 522880000  
SPIN: 143025240  
Service Provider Name: Cingular Wireless  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 766366058  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$377.40  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$377.40  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 470 Not Certified  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references a Form 470 which has not been certified.  
  
FCDL Date: 11/09/2005  
Wave Number: 020

# Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Form 470

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 4 hours

This form is designed to help you describe the eligible telecommunications-related services you seek so that this data can be posted on the Fund Administrator Web Site and interested service providers can identify you as a potential customer and compete to serve you.

Please read instructions before beginning this application. (You can also file online at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org))

Applicant's Form Identifier (Create your own code to identify THIS Form 470)

**RISD 05-06**

Form 470 Application #:

(To be inserted by Fund Administrator)

**Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications****1 Name of Applicant****RICHARDS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTR****2 Funding Year**July 1, **2005** through June 30, **2006****3 Your Entity Number****141425****4a Street Address, P.O. Box, or Route Number****PO BOX 308****9477 PANTHER DRIVE**

City

**RICHARDS**

State

**TX**

Zip Code

**77873****0308****b Telephone Number****936****851****2364**

Ext

**c Fax Number****936****851****2210****d E-mail Address****5 Type of Application**

Individual School (individual public or non-public school)

☒ School District (LEA; public or non-public [e.g. diocesan] local district representing multiple schools)

Library (including library system, library branch or library consortium applying as a library)

Consortium (intermediate service agencies, states, state networks, special consortia)

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**FCC Form 470**

Universal Service Program Description of Services Required

FCC Form

**470**Schools:  
Program D

Postage Fee	
Certified Fee	
Return, Insured Fee (Endorsement Required)	
Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required)	
Total Postage & Fees	\$ 442
Sent To: <i>SDL - Form 470 c/o Mrs. Smith</i> Street, Apt. No., or PO Box No.: <i>3833 Greenwood Drive</i> City, State, Zip: <i>Lawrence, KS 66044</i>	
PS Form 3800, June 2002 <span style="float: right;">See Reverse for Instructions</span>	

OMB  
1-0806

At this point you have filled in all information for the Form 470 application. The final steps in the process are to:

- a. **Verify** a final time that all information is correct in each block you have completed. Use the "Print Preview" button at the bottom of this screen to review your work. If you decide that you need to make corrections, hit "Previous" to go back and make changes.

Use your browser to print a copy of the Form 470. Click on your browser's "File" button, and select the "Print" option while you are using "Print Preview".

Click the "Submit" button at the bottom of this screen to electronically submit your Form 470 to the SLD.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** by clicking "Submit" you are simultaneously releasing your completed application to the SLD for posting.

- b. You must click "Submit" to file your Form 470 and begin the required 28-day posting period. If you do not click "Submit," you MAY NOT file a Form 471 pursuant to a Form 470.

**PLEASE NOTE:** After you "submit" this Form 470, you have one more step to complete. The next screen will describe the certification process for the Form 470. You will be given the choice to certify (sign) this Form 470 either electronically via a PIN system, or manually by printing out a certification page for signature.

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**470**

# Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Form

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 4.0 hours

This form is designed to help you describe the eligible telecommunications-related services you seek so that this data can be posted on the Fund Administrator website and interested service providers can identify you as a potential customer and compete to serve you.

Please read instructions before beginning this application.

(To be completed by entity that will negotiate with providers.)

**Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications**

Form 470 Application Number: 522880000531241

Applicant's Form Identifier:

Application Status: INCOMPLETE

Posting Date:

Allowable Contract Date:

Certification Received Date:

**1. Name of Applicant:**

RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT

**2. Funding Year:**

07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005

**3. Your Entity Number**

141425

**4a. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number**

9477 PANTHER DRIVE

City

RICHARDS

State

TX

Zip Code

77873

**b. Telephone number**

ext.

(936) 851- 2364

**c. Fax number**

(936) 851- 2210

**d. E-mail Address****5. Type Of Applicant**

- ☒ Individual School (individual public or non-public school)
- ☒ School District (LEA; public or non-public [e.g., diocesan] local district representing multiple schools)
- ☒ Library (including library system, library branch, or library consortium applying as a library)
- ☒ Consortium (intermediate service agencies, states, state networks, special consortia)

**6a. Contact Person's Name:** Amy Findley

First, fill in **every** item of the Contact Person's information below **that is different from Item 4, above**.  
Then check the box next to the preferred mode of contact. (At least one box **MUST** be checked.)

**6b. Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number**

P.O. Box 308

9477 PANTHER DRIVE

City

RICHARDS

State

TX

Zip Code

77873

## Form 471

**Application: 466139**  
**Entity: 141425**  
**470 #: 522880000531241**

**Contact: Amy Findley**  
**936-851-2364 ext. 231**  
**f.936-851-2210**

### Telecommunications

FRN: 1282458  
Attachment #1  
AT&T – Long Distance Service

ACCT:030-453-6365-001

FRN: 1282505  
Attachment #2  
Sprint – Local Phone Line Service

ACCT:936-851-2210-048

FRN: 1282535  
Attachment #3  
Sprint – Local Phone Line Service

ACCT:936-851-2364-131

FRN: 1282560  
Attachment #4  
Sprint – Local Phone Line Service

ACCT:936-851-2307-499

FRN: 1282597  
Attachment #5  
Cingular – Cellular Service

ACCT:766366058

Richards Independent School District  
P.O. Box 308  
Richards, Texas 77873

**Form 471**

**Application: 466553**  
**Entity: 141425**  
**470 #: 522880000531241**

**Contact: Amy Findley**  
**936-851-2364 ext. 231**  
**f.936-851-2210**

**Internet Access**

**FRN: 1282737**  
**Attachment #6**  
**Education Service Center, Region VI**

**ACCT:093905**

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Richards Independent School District  
P.O. Box 308  
Richards, Texas 77873

**Form 471**

**Application: 466578**  
**Entity: 141425**  
**470 #: 522880000531241**

**Contact: Amy Findley**  
**936-851-2364 ext. 231**  
**f.936-851-2210**

**Internal Connections**

**FRN: 1282894**  
**Attachment #7**  
**GE Capital – CICS Switch Serving two Campuses**

**ACCT:90133379523**

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Richards Independent School District  
P.O. Box 308  
Richards, Texas 77873

## **Form 471**


**Application: 470231**  
**Entity: 141425**  
**470 #: 522880000531241**

**Contact: Amy Findley**  
**936-851-2364 ext. 231**  
**f.936-851-2210**

### **Internal Connections**

**FRN: 1295205**  
**Attachment #8**  
**Education Service Center, Region VI**  
**Install New DHCP / DNS Server**

**ACCT:093905**



Richards Independent School District  
P.O. Box 308  
Richards, Texas 77873

## **Form 471**

**Application: 470363**  
**Entity: 141425**  
**470 #: 522880000531241**

**Contact: Amy Findley**  
**V.936-851-2364 ext. 231**  
**f.936-851-2210**

### **Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections**

FRN: 1295309

Attachment #9

Education Service Center, Region VI

ACCT:093905

(Maintenance agreement/contract for an eligible service or product (Local Area Network))



Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools & Libraries Division

466139  
Telecommunications

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006**

January 12, 2006

Amy Findley  
Richards Independent School District  
9477 Panther Drive  
P.O. Box 308  
Richards, TX 77873-0308

Re: Applicant Name: RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Billed Entity Number: 141425  
Form 471 Application Number: 466139  
Funding Request Number(s): 1282458, 1282505, 1282535, 1282560, 1282597  
Your Correspondence Dated: December 13, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1282458, 1282505, 1282535, 1282560, 1282597  
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**  
Explanation:

- In your appeal letter, you state you accidentally chose 2004-2005 as the funding year on the Form 470.
- Under the rules of the support mechanism, services delivered on a tariff or month-to-month, a Form 470 must be filed for the current funding year. The Form 470 you referenced on the Form 471 had a Funding Year of 07/01/2004-06/30/2005. The current funding year is 07/01/2005-06/30/2006. Therefore, you were unable to establish during the review of your application that a current year Form 470 was filed for the month-to-month services. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all information is correct prior to submitting it to the SLD.

- The Form 471 you submitted to SLD indicates that you are seeking support for tariff or month-to-month services. Since these types of services are not subject to a multi-year contract, they need to be competitively bid for each funding year. Therefore, you should have posted a new Form 470 to the web site in this funding year to inform potential bidders that you were seeking these services. Consequently, SLD denies your appeal because you did not comply with the competitive bidding requirement that your Form 470 be posted to the web site for 28 days.
- The Form 470 associated with your funding request is for a prior funding year. Your Form 471 indicates that you are seeking discounts for tariff or month-to-month services for the current funding year. FCC rules require that except under limited circumstances, all Forms 470 received be posted on the USAC web site for 28 days, and that applicants carefully consider all bids received before selecting a vendor, entering into an agreement or signing a contract, and signing and submitting a Form 471. 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.504(a) and (b), 54.511(a) and (c). These competitive bidding requirements help ensure that applicants receive the lowest pre-discount price from vendors. See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Order on Reconsideration*, 12 FCC Rcd 10095, p. 10098, FCC 97-246, ¶ 9 (rel. Jul. 10, 1997). This posting requirement applies to requests for discounts for month-to-month or tariff services as well as contracted services. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(b).

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division  
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February 13, 2006

Second Appeal to USAC

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as my formal letter of appeal for Form 471 Application Number: 466553.

**Billed Entity Number: 141425**

**Appellant Name: Amy Findley**

**Appealing the following:**

FRN: 1282737 ~ SPIN 143014367

**Decision we wish to appeal:**

Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 – 470 Not Filed

Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references services that require a posting of a 470 for each Fund Year.

**Appeal: Human Error on 470 Application #522880000531241**

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to USAC  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Amy Findley [mailto:afindley@richardsisd.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2005 3:55 PM

**To:** rgreato@sl.universalservice.org

**Subject:** RE: E-Rate Applications 466139 & 466553

Application 470 ~ 522880000531241 is for 05/06 funding year. On my original application it reflects this. I have received a Form 470 Receipt Notification Letter (for 470 application 522880000531241) stating that the allowable vendor selection/contract date of 02/04/2005. My 471s were dated/submitted after 02/04/05. Please let me what further documentation I need to provide.

Sincerely,

Amy Findley

Librarian/Technology Coordinator

Richards ISD

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F.936.851..2210

-----Original Message-----

**From:** PIATeam4 [mailto:PIATeam4@sl.universalservice.org]

**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2005 8:03 AM

**To:** afindley@richardsisd.net

**Cc:** Amy Findley@19368512210

**Subject:** E-Rate Applications 466139 & 466553

**Universal Service Administrative  
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Schools & Libraries

Division

October 31, 2005

Amy Findley

Richards ISD

936-851-2364

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Application Number(s) 466553 & 466139

The Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) team is in the process of reviewing all Form 471 Applications for schools and libraries discounts to ensure that they are in compliance with the rules of the Universal Service Support Mechanism. We are currently in the process of reviewing your Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Application. To complete our review, we need some additional information. The information needed to complete the PIA review is listed below.

**APPLICATION #466139**

FRN(S)1282458, 1282505, 128535, 128560, 1282597 is listed as a tariff (T) or month-to-month (MTM) service, and Funding Year 2004 Form 470 Application Number 522880000531241 is referenced as the establishing Form 470 for this service. The rules of this support mechanism require that services delivered on a tariff or month-to-month basis be posted for 28-Days to a new Form 470 each funding year. Since the referenced Form 470 was not filed in the same Funding Year as the Form 471, the request is in violation of the competitive bidding requirements relating to tariff and month-to-month services. Please answer the following questions and provide any relevant documentation.

Is there a Funding Year 2005 Form 470 that established the bidding for this tariff or month-to-month service?

If so, please provide the 15-digit Form 470 Number that established the bidding for this request. The establishing Form 470 is the specific Form 470, which was posted for the services requested for 28 days, and pursuant to which a contract was signed or an agreement was entered into. For a request in the Basic Maintenance service category, it is possible that the establishing 470 was filed under an Internal Connections service category. The establishing Form 470 could have been posted by the State, if the requested services are being purchased off of a State Master Contract.

If a Funding Year 2005 Form 470 was not filed to establish the bidding for this service, please indicate such in writing.

**APPLICATION #466553**

FRN 1282737 is listed as a tariff (T) or month-to-month (MTM) service, and Funding Year 2004 Form 470 Application Number 522880000531241 is referenced as the establishing Form 470 for this service. The rules of this support mechanism require that services delivered on a tariff or month-to-month basis be posted for 28-Days to a new Form 470 each funding year. Since the referenced Form 470 was not filed in the same Funding Year as the Form 471, the request is in violation of the competitive bidding requirements relating to tariff and month-to-month services. Please answer the following questions and provide any relevant documentation.

Is there a Funding Year 2005 Form 470 that established the bidding for this tariff or month-to-month service?

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If so, please provide the 15-digit Form 470 Number that established the bidding for this request. The establishing Form 470 is the specific Form 470, which was posted for the services requested for 28 days, and pursuant to which a contract was signed or an agreement was entered into. For a request in the Basic Maintenance service category, it is possible that the establishing 470 was filed under an Internal Connections service category. The establishing Form 470 could have been posted by the State, if the requested services are being purchased off of a State Master Contract.

If a Funding Year 2005 Form 470 was not filed to establish the bidding for this service, please indicate such in writing.

Please fax or e-mail the requested information to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

It is important that we receive all of the information requested so we can complete our review. **Failure to do so may result in a reduction or denial of funding.**

Should you wish to cancel this application, or any of your individual funding requests, please clearly indicate in your response that it is your intention to cancel an application or funding request(s); along with the application number and/or funding request number(s), and the complete name, title and signature of the authorized individual.

**Please send the requested information within seven calendar days. If you need additional time to prepare your response, please let me know as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service Program.

Sincerely,

Robin Greateorex  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Program Integrity Assurance  
Phone: 973-581-6757

**FAX: 973-599-6512**

[rgreato@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:rgreato@sl.universalservice.org)



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Schools & Libraries Division

*I had to request this copy  
from USAC.*

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER  
(Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006)

*Aaron  
Stamper  
emailed  
this doc  
2/7/06.*

November 9, 2005

Amy Findley  
RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
9477 PANTHER DRIVE  
RICHARDS, TX 77873

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 466553  
Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006  
Billed Entity Number: 141425  
Billed Entity FCC RN:  
Applicant's Form Identifier: 471-05/06B

Thank you for your Funding Year 2005 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$11,812.50 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice the SLD using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

**FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT**

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed report includes a list of the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) after you file your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report.

**TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:**

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,

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- Applicant BEN and service provider SPIN,
  - Form 471 Application Number as assigned by the SLD,
  - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2005," AND
  - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
  4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by the SLD's decision.
  5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on our web site at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org). Click "Continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use either the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our web site. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

#### NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. The SLD may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by the SLD, the applicant, or the service provider. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BEN: 141425  
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 466553  
Funding Request Number: 1282737  
Funding Status: Not Funded  
Category of Service: Internet Access  
Form 470 Application Number: 522880000  
SPIN: 143014367  
Service Provider Name: Education Service Center, Region Vi  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 093905  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$15,750.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$15,750.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 470 Not Filed  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references services that require a posting of a 470 for each Funding Year.  
  
FCDL Date: 11/09/2005  
Wave Number: 020

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**Amy Findley**

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**From:** Stamper, Aaron [ASTAMPE@sl.universalservice.org]

 **Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2006 9:53 AM

**To:** afindley@richardsisd.net

**Subject:** FCDL letter

Amy,

 Attached is the copy of your FCDL letter that you requested.

Aaron

2/14/2006



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# Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Form 470

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 4 hours

This form is designed to help you describe the eligible telecommunications-related services you seek so that this data can be posted on the Fund Administrator Web Site and interested service providers can identify you as a potential customer and compete to serve you.

Please read instructions before beginning this application. (You can also file online at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org))

Applicant's Form Identifier (Create your own code to identify THIS Form 470)

**RISD 05-06**

Form 470 Application #:

(To be inserted by Fund Administrator)

**Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications****1 Name of Applicant****RICHARDS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTR****2 Funding Year**July 1, **2005** through June 30, **2006****3 Your Entity Number****141425****4a Street Address, P.O. Box, or Route Number****PO BOX 308****9477 PANTHER DRIVE**

City

**RICHARDS**

State

**TX**

Zip Code

**77873****0308****b Telephone Number****936****851****2364**

Ext

**c Fax Number****936****851****2210****d E-mail Address****5 Type of Application**

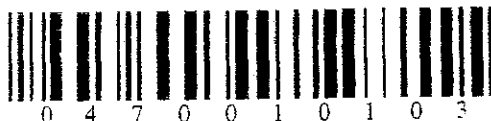
Individual School (individual public or non-public school)

☒ School District (LEA; public or non-public [e.g. diocesan] local district representing multiple schools)

Library (including library system, library branch or library consortium applying as a library)

Consortium (intermediate service agencies, states, state networks, special consortia)

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## FCC Form 470

Universal Service Program Description of Services Required

FCC Form

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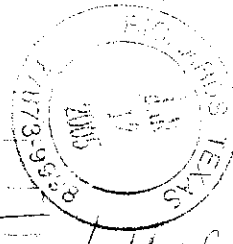
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DATE ENTERED DATE

Restricted Delivery - Yes  
(to be marked by addressee)

Total Postage &amp; Fees

SDL-Form 470 c/o Mrs. Smith  
 Street, Apt. No. or PO Box No. 3833 Greenway Drive  
 City, State, Zip Lawrence, KS 66044

OMB  
1-0806

At this point you have filled in all information for the Form 470 application. The final steps in the process are to:

- a. **Verify** a final time that all information is correct in each block you have completed. Use the "Print Preview" button at the bottom of this screen to review your work. If you decide that you need to make corrections, hit "Previous" to go back and make changes.

**Use your browser to print** a copy of the Form 470. Click on your browser's "File" button, and select the "Print" option while you are using "Print Preview".

**Click the "Submit" button** at the bottom of this screen to electronically submit your Form 470 to the SLD.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** by clicking "Submit" you are simultaneously releasing your completed application to the SLD for posting.

- b. You must click "Submit" to file your Form 470 and begin the required 28-day posting period. If you do not click "Submit," you MAY NOT file a Form 471 pursuant to a Form 470.

**PLEASE NOTE:** After you "submit" this Form 470, you have one more step to complete. The next screen will describe the certification process for the Form 470. You will be given the choice to certify (sign) this Form 470 either electronically via a PIN system, or manually by printing out a certification page for signature.

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Submit

Print Preview

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Jan. 12, 2005  
 within the 05/06 filing window

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Schools and Libraries Universal Service  
Description of Services Requested  
and Certification Form

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 4.0 hours

This form is designed to help you describe the eligible telecommunications-related services you seek so that this data can be posted on the Fund Administrator website and interested service providers can identify you as a potential customer and compete to serve you.

Please read instructions before beginning this application.

(To be completed by entity that will negotiate with providers.)

## Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications

Form 470 Application Number: 522880000531241

Applicant's Form Identifier:

Application Status: INCOMPLETE

Posting Date:

Allowable Contract Date:

Certification Received Date:

## 1. Name of Applicant:

RICHARDS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2. Funding Year:

07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005

## 3. Your Entity Number

141425

## 4a. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number

9477 PANTHER DRIVE

City

RICHARDS

State

TX

Zip Code

77873

## b. Telephone number

ext.

(936) 851- 2364

## c. Fax number

(936) 851- 2210

## d. E-mail Address

## 5. Type Of Applicant

- ☒ Individual School (individual public or non-public school)
- ☒ School District (LEA; public or non-public[e.g., diocesan] local district representing multiple schools)
- ☒ Library (including library system, library branch, or library consortium applying as a library)
- ☒ Consortium (intermediate service agencies, states, state networks, special consortia)

## 6a. Contact Person's Name: Amy Findley

First, fill in every item of the Contact Person's information below that is different from Item 4, above. Then check the box next to the preferred mode of contact. (At least one box **MUST** be checked.)

## 6b. Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number

P.O. Box 308

9477 PANTHER DRIVE

City

RICHARDS

State

TX

Zip Code

77873

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Richards Independent School District  
P.O. Box 308  
Richards, Texas 77873

## **Form 471**

**Application: 466553**  
**Entity: 141425**  
**470 #: 522880000531241**

**Contact: Amy Findley**  
**936-851-2364 ext. 231**  
**f.936-851-2210**

### **Internet Access**

**FRN: 1282737**  
**Attachment #6**  
**Education Service Center, Region VI**

**ACCT:093905**